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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in Boston, Chicago, and New York. In most other locations, prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand was in a full range of light to good, best where promotions were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate to ample for current requirements. Breaking stock demand was light to instances good for adequate to ample offerings. Light type fowl were sufficient for the fair demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 6.5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 7.5 cents lower on mediums, based on previous week average prices. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak on white eggs and continued steady for brown eggs. Demand into all channels ranged light to occasionally good. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type hens were adequate for the fair demand.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand into all outlets was light to at times good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was light to moderate with post Easter fill-in providing some additional activity. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were mixed, usually adequate to fully adequate. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Offerings were adequate for the moderate to instances good demand. Buyers in need were bidding aggressively lower values with limited interest from sellers at this call. Floor stocks were usually adequate to instances close. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment barely steady. Retail and food service demand mixed and range from light to good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were lower on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending April 13, 2001 was 85.82, unchanged from the previous week, but 16.58 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock demand was light for adequate to ample offerings. Light type hens were adequate for the fair demand.

WESTERN Prices in California 16 cents lower on jumbo, 14 cents lower on extra large, large, medium, and small; in the Northwest 14 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 16 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 37% lower than last Monday with California down 37% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 36%. Retailer demand fairly good as stores restocked. Easter clearances met expectations in most quarters.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	104-106	93-95	79-81
New York	77-79	74-77	59-62
Philadelphia	75-83.5	73-81.5	58-65.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	69-70	67.5-69	50-51
Jackson (1)	77-78	76-77	59-60
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-87	71-85	55-69
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	64-69	63-68	48-53
Detroit (2)	61-64	60-63	44-47
Major Ohio Cities (2)	62-70	61-69	45-54
Major Wisconsin Cities	65-72	63-70	48-55
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	80-84	77-80	61-64
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	102	95	85

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices 16 cents lower on jumbo, 14 cents lower on extra large, large, medium, and small. The California inventory was 37% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good as some restocking took place. Offerings ample but most dealers reported good Easter clearances. Small invoice price 65.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	108	JUMBO	245-279
EXTRA LARGE	102	EXTRA LARGE	225-269
LARGE	95	LARGE	199-259
MEDIUM	85	MEDIUM	179-219
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	245-279
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	225-269
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	199-259
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	179-219

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 20, 2001 will decrease by 45 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 13, 2001 were 484,911 cases which was 39 percent above the prior week and 26 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	452,060	32,851	484,911
% change from the prior week.....	+44	-1	+39

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices ranged unchanged with nest run mostly prices unchanged to lower. Offerings were adequate for the moderate to instances good demand. Buyers in need were bidding aggressively lower values with limited interest from sellers at this call. Floor stocks were usually adequate to instances close. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	34-37	34-36
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-22	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate to good for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-APR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.83

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged but majority values were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as generally normal. Interest for canners was still clearing the increased availability. The undertone was steady with some caution noted.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-APR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-9.75 CENTS/LB.	8-9.25	8.91
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 16,2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.9	19.9	6.9	13.9	10.0	58.6
	Change	-0.3	-2.7	-3.2	-4.2	-2.2	-18%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.9	39.6	7.3	19.7	15.9	111.4
	Change	0.5	-3.1	-3.0	-12.3	-7.6	-19%
Large	Curr Wk	35.0	72.1	37.2	46.4	57.3	248.0
	Change	-14.4	-51.1	-24.0	-36.4	-63.8	-43%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.3	36.1	11.1	21.7	16.2	97.4
	Change	-1.8	1.9	-4.6	2.7	-7.4	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	5.4	7.2	2.3	5.7	3.2	23.8
	Change	-0.3	-2.0	-0.3	-0.2	-1.4	-15%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.8	20.3	5.1	11.7	4.3	48.2
	Change	0.0	0.6	-1.3	0.2	-0.7	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.9	39.9	12.3	14.8	32.3	124.2
	Change	-0.8	-5.8	-5.6	-5.8	1.9	-11%
Total	Curr Wk	121.2	235.1	82.2	133.9	139.2	711.6
Percent	Change	-12%	-21%	-34%	-29%	-37%	-27%
TOTAL			Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	711.6	-27%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	264.9	10%	38
Total Shell Egg	976.5	-19%	208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 02, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 02, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	139	139	129	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 13, 2001

CURRENT LOADS							18.25	FUTURE LOADS							10.25	TOTAL LOADS							28.50
SE			NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	47.00	—	—	49.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	42.33	—	—	—	—	51.00	1.75								
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	1.00	GL W XL	48.00	—	—	—	—	54.00	1.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	47.00	—	—	—	67.50	57.75	2.75								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	40.50	44.00	2.00	GL W MD	37.00	—	—	—	39.90	42.70	2.50								
GL W XL	—	—	53.00	55.00	—	—	1.00	GL W SM	21.00	—	—	—	43.50	32.40	1.25								
GL W LG	—	—	51.00	53.00	44.50	—	2.00																
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	31.00	—	1.00																
GL W SM	—	—	23.00	25.00	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	33.50	—	—	37.50	3.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	34.50	37.00	3.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00																
NRBS - 36	—	—	12.00	14.00	—	—	.25																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/09/01-04/13/01

CURRENT LOADS							158.00	FUTURE LOADS							37.00	TOTAL LOADS							195.00
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	57.80	55.20	52.63	53.50	56.33	—	34.50	GNR W 1	—	52.14	—	—	—	—	—	8.50							
GNR W 2	—	—	56.00	58.00	—	41.00	6.00	GNR W 3	—	35.33	—	—	—	—	—	3.50							
GNR W 3	—	39.50	—	—	34.33	—	6.50	GL W J	40.73	—	—	—	—	50.58	7.75								
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	50.00	2.25	GL W XL	48.67	48.00	—	—	—	53.76	9.00								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	39.00	44.00	5.00	GL W LG	46.33	55.25	—	—	67.50	54.62	11.25								
GL W XL	—	72.00	60.38	62.18	42.90	47.00	17.00	GL W MD	37.73	39.00	—	—	38.61	43.68	10.75								
GL W LG	—	66.50	51.00	48.31	42.65	—	20.50	GL W SM	21.00	—	—	—	43.50	32.40	1.25								
GL W MD	—	41.00	45.50	47.33	39.17	47.00	15.75	NRBS - 39	25.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W SM	—	—	21.80	23.90	—	—	5.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	33.50	40.00	36.55	37.94	11.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	33.66	35.54	26.50																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	32.80	34.30	10.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	31.25	—	29.50	33.60	5.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	30.50	—	—	28.56	15.00																
NRBS - 36	—	—	12.00	14.00	—	—	.25																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA FOR 04/01/01 - 04/07/01

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Alabama	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Arkansas	0.00	0.00	936.00	936.00
Colorado	0.00	0.00	3,686.00	3,686.00
Indiana	0.00	0.00	1,920.00	1,920.00
Iowa	2,448.00	0.00	29,471.00	31,919.00
Michigan	2,766.00	0.00	0.00	2,766.00
Minnesota	0.00	3,108.00	13,970.00	17,078.00
Missouri	0.00	2,428.00	4,090.00	6,518.00
New Hampshire	0.00	775.00	0.00	775.00
New York	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Ohio	0.00	0.00	3,167.00	3,167.00
Oregon	1,545.00	0.00	0.00	1,545.00
Texas	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Utah	3,333.00	2,310.00	3,282.00	8,925.00
Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	1,402.00	1,402.00
TOTAL	10,092.00	8,621.00	64,874.00	83,587.00
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	10,092.00	8,621.00	64,874.00	83,587.00

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	85-88	74-77	60-63	21-24

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
69-72	60-66	58-63	42-47	24-28

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
43-45	27-29	10-12

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
91.86	90.86	75.24	48.30

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/09/01	04/02/01	04/10/00
PACIFIC COAST	189	187	375
LOS ANGELES	173	150	262

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 04/1/01-04/7/01

30-dozen cases 5,975

Receipts from the mainland: 03/25/01-03/31/01

30-dozen cases 4,806

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